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SUBJECT: LIBERALS REGAIN LEAD ACCORDING TO MAY GALLUP
POLL

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1. GALLUP POLL, CONDUCTED DURING FIRST WEEK OF MAY AND RELEASED JUNE 7, INDICATES LIBERALS HAVE REGAINED POLLING LEAD. COMPARED TO EARLY APRIL POLL (REFTEL), LIBERALS ROSE TWO POINTS TO 43 PERCENT, PROGRESSIVE CONSERVATIVES (PC) DROPPED TWO POINTS TO 39 PERCENT AND NEW DEMOCRATIC PARTY (NDP) ROSE A POINT TO 15 PERCENT. MOST DRAMATIC FIGURE WAS FOR UNDECIDEDS WHICH DROPPED FROM PREVIOUS MONTH'S UNUSUALLY HIGH LEVEL OF 39 PERCENT TO 27 PERCENT.

2. COMMENT: MOST RECENT GALLUP IS GOOD NEWS TO LIBERALS SINCE IT SIGNALS REVERSAL OF WHAT APPEARED TO BE STRONG PC MOMENTUM IN PREVIOUS POLL. FURTHER, SHARP DROP IN UNDECIDEDS WITH LIBERAL GAIN AND PC LOSS MAY INDICATE THAT SIGNIFICANT NUMBER OF WAVERING VOTERS DO NOT FAVOR PROSPECT OF PC LEADER JOE CLARK AS PRIME MINISTER. FIGURES, IN ANY CASE, INDICATE TO US THAT TWO MAJOR

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PARTIES ARE STILL NECK-AND-NECK AND THAT NEITHER PARTY HAS SUCCEEDED IN TURNING ON CANADIAN VOTERS. DUEMLING

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